

REMARKS

Summary of Final Office Action

In the Final Office Action dated March 29, 2010, claims 5, 7, 9 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,412,110 ("Schein") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,381,747 ("Wonfor"). Claims 6, 8, 10 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schein in view of Wonfor and U.S. Patent No. 5,509,070 ("Schull").

Summary of Applicant's Reply

Claims 5-12 are pending in the application. Claims 5, 7, 9 and 11 are amended. No new matter has been entered by the amendments.

Summary of Telephonic Interview

The undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview on June 24, 2010. During the interview, the undersigned and the Examiner discussed the rejection of the claims over the prior art of record. During the interview, the Examiner appeared to agree that the cited references do not disclose using "user equipment" to perform the element "removing the copy protection from the selected program."

Independent Claims 5, 7, 9 and 11

Applicants' invention, as defined by independent claims 5, 7, 9 and 11, is directed to an interactive program guide that may be used to select a television program for recording and viewing. The independent claims 5, 7, 9 and 11 require that the selected television program is received with

copy protection from a television distribution facility. The claims 5, 7, 9 and 11, as amended, recite that when the selected program is selected for recording, the copy protection is removed from the program using user equipment. As discussed with the Examiner during the telephonic interview, applicants respectfully submit that Schein and Wonfor do not disclose using user equipment for "removing the copy protection from the selected program" as required by applicants' claims 5, 7, 9 and 11.

As explained in the applicants' previous replies to office actions, Schein does not disclose removing any copy protections when programs are recorded, and Wonfor only discloses controlling the application of copy protection. (Wonfor, col. 3, lines 38-42, col. 4, lines 51-52, col. 5, lines 50-53, col. 8, lines 17-18, etc.) With respect to the claims 5, 7, 9 and 11, as amended, Wonfor does not disclose using user equipment for removing copy protection from a selected program.

For at least the reasons discussed above, it is submitted that independent claims 5, 7, 9, and 11 are allowable. Dependent claims 6, 8, 10, and 12 are also allowable for at least the same reasons. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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